

DID YOU KNOW?

POST ADOPTION PLACEMENT STABILIZATION SERVICES (PAPSS)

PAPSS is a supportive service offered to parents who have adopted a child, are receiving adoption subsidy, and are close to disruption.

When can it be used?

- When parents are willing to work toward reunification with the adopted child, and after in-home services or other services have been ineffective or unavailable.
- PAPSS may be used for residential treatment settings when Medicaid is not available.
- A Children's Review Program (CRP) level of 4 or 5 must exist to qualify for PAPSS.
- A QMHP (qualified mental health provider) must provide treatment recommendations that the child is not able to return home or be successful in a community-based setting.

How long does PAPSS last?

- PAPSS cannot exceed 90 days in any calendar year. (PAPSS can be used for 60 days and 30 additional days with commissioner approval.)
- The 30 additional days must be requested via a memo submitted to the commissioner through the Adoption Services Branch.

Benefits:

- Allows for children to receive treatment and remain in the parents' care.
- During PAPSS, the subsidy should be renegotiated to \$1.00.

What if PAPSS isn't effective (after 90 days)?

- The child enters out-of-home care (OOHC) without court involvement, (i.e., voluntary commitment).
- The adoptive parents remain involved in the child's treatment and care.
- The adoptive parents and DCBS work together for the child to be returned home.

Subsidy types (State funded and title IV-E):

- During voluntary commitment Title IV-E subsidies return to the amount prior to PAPSS while State funded subsidies remain at \$1.00
- The Adoption Branch is available for consultation regarding adoption subsidy. Careful consideration must be used to include the family's unique situation before the adoption subsidy is stopped. Title IV-E subsidies are federally based and are difficult to stop and start again.

Please contact Starr Gasparac at starr.gasparac@ky.gov to assist with disruptions, concerns, or PAPSS/adoption related questions.

